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SUBJECT: PLANNED VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON TO
THE UNITED STATES

REF: REYKJAVIK 360

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TAKE ANY INITIA-
TIVE WITH RESPECT TO WASHINGTON CALLS BY PRIME MINISTER
HALLGRIMSSON DURING HIS FORTHCOMING PRIVATE VISIT TO THE
BILDERBERG CONFERENCE AT PRINCETON. SINCE THIS WOULD BE
THE FIRST VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIM-
SSON, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE HANDLED IN AN OFFICIAL
MANNER. IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COULD
BE RECEIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE DURING THAT PERIOD AND WE
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NOTE THAT MR. HALLGRIMSSON WILL BE HEADING UP HIS COUNTRY'S
DELEGATION TO THE NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON LATER IN THE
SPRING.

2. IF QUESTION OF WASHINGTON CALLS BY PRIME MINISTER HALL-
GRIMSSON ARE RAISED BY ICELANDIC OFFICIALS, YOU SHOULD
DISCREETLY DISCOURAGE ANY THOUGHTS THAT SUCH A VISIT COULD

BE ARRANGED AND REPORT ICELANDIC INITIATIVE TO DEPARTMENT.
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